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SUBJECT: Veterans Day Safety Message 2011

1. Formerly called Armistice Day, Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans of all wars for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. It is also the beginning of the holiday winter season, a time when our Soldiers and Families face the increased risk of traveling or the stress of reintegration after a year of deployment.
2. Last year over the Veterans Day holiday weekend, the Army reported zero privately owned vehicle (POV) fatalities. With engaged leaders, this year's holiday weekend can boast the same results. Unfortunately, Fort Polk cannot report a fatality-free fiscal year for 2011 as we lost one of our own in a POV accident.
3. Employ risk management in your everyday plans and give yourself extra time when traveling. Always wear your seat belt and ensure your passengers do the same. Follow the speed limit. Do not drink and drive. If you are driving someone else's vehicle, take time to familiarize yourself with its reactions. Soldiers, keep your chain of command informed of changes to your plans. Emphasize safety during all counselings, whether it is formal or informal, and use Pine Tree Counseling. Don't be afraid to ask the hard questions.
4. The safety of our JRTC and Fort Polk Family is my highest priority. Welcome back to all of our service members who were deployed for the past year and have a safe and accident-free holiday!

*Take care
of each other.
Do the right thing always.
Enjoy Veterans Day
you earned it.*

CLARENCE K.K. CHINN
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